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Sir:

This paper and the Amended Appeal Brief enclosed herewith are submitted in reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated March 21, 2007, within the one month period for response. Applicants have eliminated the section heading for the Conclusion, corrected the Claims Appendix to be section VIII and added IX - Evidence Appendix and X - Related Proceedings Appendix as required under 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1). Applicants have also amended the Appeal Brief to include a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal as required under 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1). No concise explanation of the subject matter of the dependent claims is provided as no such explanation is required by 37 C.F.R. § 41.37(c)(1)(v). Applicants respectfully submit that the Appeal Brief is now compliant and request that the Appeal Brief be submitted to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for consideration.

If there are any questions regarding this paper, or which might otherwise further this case onto allowance, please contact the undersigned at (513) 241-2324. Moreover, if any other

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